

TUESDAY, Nov. 24, 1857.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Russell, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill to create the county of Bee, (in honor of the late Barnard E. Bee,) and attach it to the 14th Judicial District, correctly engrossed.

Mr. Potter, Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Judiciary committee have considered a bill to define the times of holding the sessions of the Supreme Court, and direct me to return the same to the Senate, with an amendment, and recommend the adoption of the amendment and the passage of the bill. The object of the bill is to extend the time of holding the sessions of the Court at Austin, which has become necessary from the increase of business in that branch of the Court, caused by attaching several newly created Judicial Districts to the branch.

Amendment: In Section 1, line 12, strike out "fourth," and insert "third."

Mr. McCulloch, Chairman of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to which was referred a House bill to permanently locate the seat of justice in Angelina county, reported the same back to the Senate, recommending its passage.

Mr. Graham introduced a bill to amend an act to regulate proceedings in the District Courts, approved May 13, 1846; read first and second times, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Guinn introduced a bill to amend and repeal certain parts of an act to incorporate the town of Rusk, in Cherokee county; read first and second times, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Erath introduced a bill to create every county into a separate land District; read first and second times, and referred to the committee on the Land Office.

Mr. Herbert, Chairman of the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to which was referred the petition of H. L. Brook, asking ferry privileges, reported that the County Court was invested with power to act in the premises, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Mr. Pirkey, Chairman of the committee on Public Lands, made the following report :

The committee on Public Lands, to which was referred a bill authorizing the sale and settlement of the alternate sections of land reserved to the State in Fisher's and Miller's colony, have had the same under consideration ; and, believing that it would promote the settlement of the section of the State where said colony is situated, and prevent difficulty and subsequent legislation in reference to the settlement now made and being made, have instructed me to report a substitute for the bill and recommend its adoption and passage.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to create the county of Clay ; read a third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of George Brinlee ; read third time and passed.

A House bill to authorize and require all forced sales of real estate and negroes, and sales of real estate and negroes made by executors and administrators in the county of Travis, to be made on Congress Avenue, at the south-east corner of block No. 70 ; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading ; rule further suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A House bill to release William Wallace Gordon from minority ; read first and second times, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report from the committee on Public Lands, on a bill to amend an act to perfect land titles in Castro's colony, offering a substitute therefor, was read, and on motion of Mr. Britton, laid on the table.

A bill for the relief of Mandred Wood ; read and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of the committee on Private Land Claims, on the petition of Samuel McCulloch, offering a bill for his relief, was read and laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, on a bill to create the county of Montague, offering amendments thereto, was read, amendments adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Luciano Navarro, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

The report of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, on a bill to create the county of Buchanan, offering an amendment thereto, was read and amendment adopted.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the 3d section was amended by striking out, in the fourth line from the last line in said section, the word "three," and inserting, in lieu thereof, "five."

On motion of Mr. Walker, the bill was further amended by striking out "160 acres," in the 5th section, and inserting, in lieu thereof, "320 acres."

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Walker, the rule was suspended, bill read a third time and passed.

A bill to authorize and permit free persons of African descent to select their own masters and become slaves, was read, and on motion of Mr. Stockdale, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the committee on Claims and Accounts, on the petition of the soldiers of the 1st regiment of infantry, in the regular army of the Republic of Texas, recommending its rejection, was read and adopted.

A bill for the relief of L. S. Hargous, H. R. W. Hill, G. B. Lamar, and Samuel Swartwout, was read.

On motion of Mr. Quinan, the bill was amended by inserting, before the name of H. R. W. Hill, the words, "the heirs of;" and inserting, before the name of Samuel Swartwout, the words, "the widow and children, and if the widow be dead, the children of;" and by amending the caption to correspond.

Mr. Throckmorton offered the following amendment :

"And that interest be allowed Collin McKinney on \$1.162 00, paid him by an act approved Jan. 26th, 1856, in the same manner and up to the same time allowed to the other parties above mentioned." Rejected.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Caldwell, Erath, Fall, Graham, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, McCulloch, Maverick, Pirkey, Potter, Quinan,

Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Taylor of Cass, Taylor of Fannin, Throckmorton, Wigfall and Wren—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Burroughs, Grimes, Lott, Martin, Russell, Taylor of Houston, and Truitt—7.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to pay for printing the proclamation of the Governor, originating in the House.

Also, that the House had appointed Messrs. Henderson of Harris, Locke and Ward, a committee on the part of that body to examine the Treasurer's books, &c.

Also that the House had appointed Messrs. Mills, Hicks, Ross and Runnels, a committee on the part of that body, and requested the appointment of a committee of three on the part of the Senate, to act in conjunction with the committee on the part of the House, for the purpose of investigating the present Probate Law, and to take such course, in altering, amending or revising the same, as they may think best calculated to promote the interests of such persons as it was originally intended to benefit, and to report thereon as soon as practicable.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill for the relief of James Starritt; read first and second times and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, November 25, 1857.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present—Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Britton asked leave to record his vote in favor of the engrossment of a bill for the relief of L. S. Hargous, H. R. W. Hill, G. B. Lamar, and Samuel Swartout, which was ordered to be engrossed on yesterday, during his absence from the Senate chamber, on public business—granted.

Mr. Russell, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following Bills correctly Engrossed:

A bill for the relief of Mandred Wood, or his assignees.

A bill for the relief of Luciano Navarro.

A bill to create the county of Montague.